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HELEN DAUVRAY'S WEDDING

A HOME RUN WITH SHORT STOP WARD, ON THE NEW YORK TEAM.

After Meeting Him Socially, the Actress Fell in Love with Baseball—She Attended the Games and Presented a Champaign Cup—The Engagement Kept a Secret—The Bridalroom a Lawyer.



MISS Helen Dauvray, the well-known actress, was married early this morning by Rev. Dr. Deems. The man of her choice is Mr. John Montgomery Ward, ex-captain of the New York baseball team.

Great efforts were made to keep the news a secret, but it leaked out and proved a genuine surprise to the dramatic fraternity. Not even Miss Dauvray's best friends in the profession were told of the coming event. Manager Dan Frohman himself getting his first information through an Evening World reporter very early this morning.

of the actress, thinking the ceremony would take place at her residence, No. 49 Park avenue, hastened to send floral and other presents. They found, however, that the house was occupied only by servants and had been partially stripped of its furniture. Miss Dayre, it was said, left the house in a carriage shortly before the wedding with her mother, Mrs. Louis Williams, and Mr. Ward.

The marriage was to take place out of the city and the callers were told that the bride and groom would leave for the ceremony on a tour to the West extending as far as San Francisco. They are expected to remain on the Pacific coast until Christmas or New Year's when they will return to New York.

It was the ceremony took place was disclosed, but Mr. J. E. Backlund, a

Ward's intimate friend, is author of "Heart of a Cowboy," which real author is Max Gibson, was born in Cincinnati in 1895. Her parents were well-to-do, and their home was in San Francisco. The little girl showed early promise of dramatic talent, and at age seven she appeared in a play at the California Theatre, San Francisco, as Eve in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." She proved successful at once, and during the next few years appeared in plays at the theatres of the United States, Canada and Australia. Besides playing in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" she took the part of "Idella" in "The Fire Chicks." She was called as "Little Nell, the California Diamond."

Having realized a large sum of money by these early efforts, she went to Paris to mind her own business. She was accompanied by her mother, who had in the meantime married a Mr. Williams.

Miss Danbury passed seven years in Paris. She learned French and conversed the French language so thoroughly as to be able in 1923 to make her debut on the stage of the Folies Dramatiques, in Paris. Four years later she appeared in a play at the New York, and engaged Mr. John Richley as her

manager. She produced the play of "Mona at the Star Theatre, and scored a very pronounced success in the title role. She then appeared in "The Mackay Show" as the lessee of the Lyceum Theatre expired, she came the lessee. In her two seasons she produced "One of Our Girls," "The Love Chase," "Met by Chance," "Fog Working Town" and "A Shot." Miss Dauray is of medium height and graceful, though rather slim figure. She has bright, dancing black eyes and a wonderfully fine head of jet black hair. She has been a successful actress at a woman of business and an actress.

This is Miss Dauray's second marriage. Her first husband was Herbert Tracy, a dramatic author. She obtained a divorce from him, and she married Etelka Wardell, the popular singer.

Miss Dauray and her mother lived at No. 49 Park avenue, with the latter's sister, Mrs.

Clara Helm. Mrs. Helm is a wealthy widow whose husband, Mr. Jordan Helm, having left her a valuable city real estate at his death five years ago.

Mr. John M. Ward has made an enviable reputation on the diamond field. He is a lawyer by profession and a graduate of Columbia Law School. He is a splendid horse rider, and of this city is a tall and light complexioned and wears a short blonde moustache. He is reputed to be well off, and is a member of the Lotos and Manhattan clubs. He was well known as an amateur baseball player to

several years, he was a professional with the Providence Club in 1917. He remained with that organization for five seasons, and it was mainly through his efforts that the club won the championship in 1921. He joined the New York Club as pitcher in 1922, and afterwards took the position of short stop. He has held that position ever since, and up to July last was captain of the team. He then resigned, with the avowed intention of studying law. He also organized the Ball Players' Brotherhood, of which he is president.

Miss Daumay met Mr. Ward socially two years ago, and since then she has been a devotee of baseball. The cause of sudden devotion to the game was not understood at the time, but in the light of to-day's event the mystery is dispelled.

All through the two past seasons she has been a regular attendant at the Polo Grounds always an enthusiastic champion of the home team. In her love for the game she often

It was noticed that she always applauded Mr. Ward when he appeared on the field, but her demonstration was never so pronounced as to enable the gossips to guess where her affections were placed.

"The couple wished the affair to be kept a secret," he continued. "On Saturday Mr. Ward requested me to allow him to leave of absence, which I readily granted. There was no time limit to the leave. He can stay all winter if he desires. He has served the club very faithfully and has worked hard during the past season, and I serve his pleasure."

"Has Mr. Ward resigned from the club?"

"No. Mr. Ward has not resigned."

It is announced that R. and laughed at
formed the ceremony at
dances at 8 A. M. this morn'g. Evening World.